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Applicant(s):

Invention: TREATMENT OF NEUROMUSCULAR DYSFUNCTION OF THE LOWER URINARY TRACT WITH SELECTIVE MGLU5 ANTAGONISTS

TO THE COMMISSIONER FOR PATENTS

Transmitted herewith is an amendment in the above-identified application.

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RESPONSE TO RESTRICTION REQUIREMENT

MS Amendment Commissioner for Patents P.O. Box 1450 Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

Dear Sir:

This paper responds to the Office Action for the above-identified application that was mailed by the USPTO on January 12, 2006. The Office Action sets forth a restriction requirement and further sets forth election requirements for the application. A petition for an extension of time and a check in the required amount are enclosed to extend the time for response to March 12, 2006.

In response to the aforementioned restriction requirement, Applicant elects examination of invention Group I, claims 1-49, drawn to a method of treating neuromuscular dysfunction of the lower urinary tract comprising administering a compound having selective affinity for the mGlu5 subtype of metabotropic glutamate receptors.

In partial response to the requirements for election of species for prosecution on the merits to which the claims shall be restricted if no generic claim is finally held to be allowable, Applicant elects compounds of Formula III (species "c" on page 3 of the Office Action).

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In response to the Examiner's further requirement to elect one specific compound that falls within elected Formula III, Applicant further elects the compound 2-(2-methylthiazol-4-yl)ethynylpyridine (MTEP). Claims 1-30, 41 and 42 read on the elected species.

As acknowledged by the Examiner, both the species election of Formula I and the further species election of MTEP are made solely for the purpose of prosecution on the merits to which the claims shall be restricted if no generic claim is finally held to be allowable. The requirements to elect species are traversed to any extent that they are not solely for the purpose of examination should no generic claim be finally held to be allowable. Accordingly, following examination of the elected species, the Examiner is requested to examine the full scope of the claims of elected invention Group I, claims 1-49.

A prompt and favorable action of the merits of the application is solicited. Should the Examiner believe prosecution would be advanced by conducting an interview with Applicant's representative, the Examiner is requested to contact the undersigned representative.

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